KKT Conditions

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Used for constrained optimization of the form

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such that

$$h_i(x) = 0, \ \forall i = 1, \ldots, m \ \text{(m equalities)}$$
$$g_j(x) \leq 0, \ \forall j = 1, \ldots, n \ \text{(n inequalities)}$$

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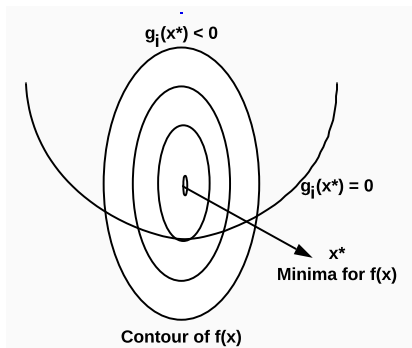 Gives k equations

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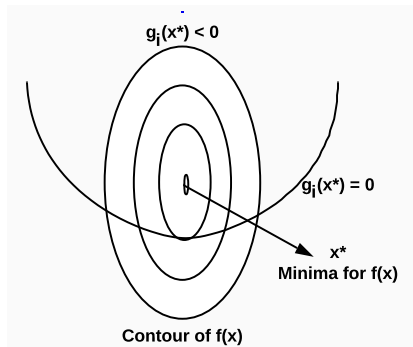# Step 4

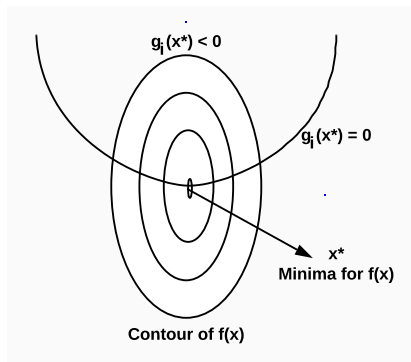In both cases, $\mu_i g_i(x^*) = 0$

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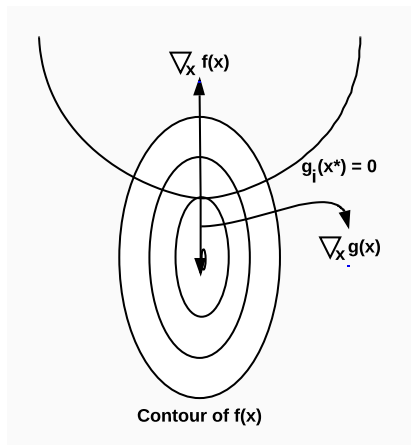
$min_x L(x, \lambda, \mu) \implies \nabla_x f(x) + \nabla_x \mu_i g_i(x) = 0$

$$\mu_i = \frac{\nabla_x f(x)}{\nabla_x \mu_i g_i(x)} = +ve$$

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Inequality Constraints (Complementary Slackness)

$$\mu_i g_i(x) = 0 \forall i = 1, \ldots, n$$

$$\mu_i \geq 0$$

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Minimize $x^2 + y^2$ such that,
$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 5$$
$$x + 2y = 4$$
$$x, y \geq 0$$

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$L(x, y, \lambda, \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3) =$
$x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(x + 2y - 4) + \mu_1(x^2 + y^2 - 5) + \mu_2(-x) + \mu_3(-y)$

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Slackness

$\mu_1(x^2 + y^2 - 5) = 0 \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots (4)$

$\mu_2 x = 0 \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots (5)$

$\mu_3 y = 0 \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots (6)$

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On further solving we get,
$x = 0.8$
$y = 1.6$